Failure of Pulse Polio Programme in U.P.

2302. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pulse Polio Programme in U.P. has failed miserably during the last five years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have constituted any probe panel to go deep into the matter; and

(d) if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) There has been significant decline in the number of polio cases in Uttar Pradesh due to implementation of intensified polio eradication activities. These have declined from 881 in 1998 to 773 in 1999, 179 in 2000 and 23 during 2001 reported till 8th August, 2001.

(c) and (d) The polio eradication implementation strategy is reviewed/ recommended every year by a committee of national and international experts, keeping in view the progress and the epidemiological situation in each State. The strategy recommended by the experts for 2001-2002 provides for (i) two national immunization rounds, (ii) one sub-national round in high risk States of U.P., Bihar, West Bengal and Delhi, (iii) preemptive vaccination rounds in areas with continued polio circulation, even during low transmission season and (iv) mop-up rounds following detection of confirmed polio cases in the concerned district as also in surrounding districts.

IMC approval to Pariyaram Medical College, Cannanore

2303. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Medical Council has accorded permanent sanction for the Medical Degree course of the Pariyaram Medical College in Cannanore, Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;